

**§ 3505.66 If approved, when is my extension effective?**

Your permit extension will become effective on the date we approve it, or on the expiration date of the original permit, if this date is later.

**§ 3505.70 May I relinquish my prospecting permit?**

Yes. You may relinquish the entire prospecting permit or any legal subdivision of it. A partial relinquishment must clearly describe the exact acreage you want to relinquish. BLM will not accept a relinquishment if you are not in compliance with the requirements of your permit. Once we accept the request, your relinquishment is effective as of the date you filed it with BLM. We will then note the relinquishment on the land status records. We may then open the lands to any new applications. If you relinquish part or all of your permit, you lose any right to any preference right lease to the lands covered by the relinquishment.

**§ 3505.75 What happens if I fail to pay the rental?**

Your prospecting permit will automatically terminate if you do not pay the rental before the anniversary date of the permit. We will note your permit termination on the official status records.

**§ 3505.80 What happens when my permit expires?**

Your permit will expire at the end of its initial or extended term, as applicable, without notice. BLM may open the lands to new applications 60 days after your permit expires. However, if you timely filed for an extension under § 3505.64 of this part, the 60 day period would begin to run on the date BLM denies your extension request. If you timely filed for a preference right lease under § 3507.15 of this part, the 60 day period only would begin to run on the date BLM denies your lease application.

**§ 3505.85 May BLM cancel my prospecting permit for reasons other than failure to pay rental?**

Yes.

(a) We may cancel your permit if you do not comply with the Mineral Leas-

ing Act, any of the other acts applicable to your specific permit, these regulations, or any of the permit terms or stipulations. We will give you 30 days notice, within which you must correct your default. If your default continues, BLM may cancel your permit.

(b) If we waive one cause for cancellation, we may still cancel your permit for another cause, or for the same cause occurring at another time. Unless you file an appeal, we will note your permit cancellation on the land status records. BLM may use your bond to reclaim the land or correct other deficiencies if we cancel your permit.

**Subpart 3506—Exploration Licenses**

GENERAL INFORMATION

**§ 3506.10 What is an exploration license?**

An exploration license allows you to explore known, unleased mineral deposits to obtain geologic, environmental and other pertinent data concerning such deposits.

APPLYING FOR AND OBTAINING EXPLORATION LICENSES

**§ 3506.11 What must I do to obtain an exploration license?**

(a) To apply, submit an exploration plan as described at § 3505.45 of this part, along with your request for an exploration license. No specific form is required. When BLM approves the exploration plan, we will attach the approved plan to, and make it a part of, the license. You must also publish a BLM-approved notice of exploration, inviting others to participate in exploration under the license on a pro-rata cost-sharing basis.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subpart, BLM will process your exploration license application in accordance with the regulations at part 2920 of this chapter.

**§ 3506.12 Who prepares and publishes the notice of exploration?**

BLM will prepare a notice of exploration using your information and post the notice and your exploration plan in the BLM office for 30 days. You must